

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Method for the manufacture of a roof liner comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing a core layer having first and second sides;
 - (b) applying a reinforcement layer on one of the first and second sides of the core layer, wherein the core layer and the reinforcement layer form a sandwich having first and second sides;
 - (c) loading an energy absorption element, the core layer and the reinforcement layer into a moulding tool;
 - (d) joining the energy absorption element to one of the core layer and the reinforcement layer during a moulding operation; and
 - (e) subsequently to step (d), applying a decorative layer on one of the first and second sides of the sandwich.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the core layer is permanently plastically shaped during the moulding operation in the moulding tool.
4. (Withdrawn) Method according to Claim 1, wherein before step (a), the core layer is cut from a prefabricated core layer block.
5. (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the core layer is foamed before step (a).
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein subsequent to step (a), an adhesive is applied to the core layer.

8. (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step (b), a two-layered reinforcement layer is applied to the core layer.

9. (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 2, wherein after application of the energy absorption element in step (d) an adhesive is applied to one of the first and second sides of the sandwich formed, before application of the decorative layer.

10. (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 2, wherein before being applied to the sandwich, the decorative layer is heated and subsequently laminated to the sandwich in a laminating machine.

11. (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step (d) heat is supplied.

12. (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 1, wherein in step (d) the energy absorption element is shaped and held in its shaped state by a shape preservation material.

13 - 19. (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) Method according to Claim 8, wherein the two-layered reinforcement layer includes a reinforcement matting and cover matting.

21. (Withdrawn) Method according to Claim 1, wherein the core layer provided in step (a) has a plate shape.

22. (Previously Presented) Method of Claim 1, wherein the core layer provided in step (a) is formed from a foamed material, and wherein the reinforcement layer provided in step (b) includes fibres.

23. (Previously Presented) Method of Claim 1, wherein the energy absorption element provided in step (c) includes a structural element.

24. (Previously Presented) Method of Claim 1, wherein the energy absorption element and the core layer are formed from the same foamed material.

25. (Previously Presented) Method of Claim 1, wherein the material of the energy absorption element provided in step (c) has a lower softening temperature than the material of the core layer.

26. (Previously Presented) Method of Claim 1, wherein the core layer provided in step (a) includes an adhesive and is duroplastically workable.

27. (New) Method of Claim 1, wherein in step (c), the energy absorption element, the core layer and reinforcement layer are loaded into a hot press, and wherein in step (d), heat is added from the hot press during the moulding operation for joining the energy absorption element, the core layer and the reinforcement layer together.

28. (New) Method for the manufacture of a roof liner comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a core layer having first and second sides;

(b) applying a two-layered reinforcement layer on one of the first and second sides of the core layer;

(c) loading an energy absorption element, the core layer and the two-layered reinforcement layer into a moulding tool; and

(d) joining the energy absorption element to one of the core layer and the two-layered reinforcement layer during a moulding operation.

29. (New) Method for the manufacture of a roof liner comprising the steps of:
- (a) providing a core layer including foam material and having first and second sides;
 - (b) applying a first two-layered reinforcement layer on the first side of the core layer;
 - (c) applying a second two-layered reinforcement layer on the second side of the core layer;
 - (d) loading an energy absorption element, the core layer and the first and second two-layered reinforcement layers into a moulding tool;
 - (e) joining the energy absorption element, the core layer and the first and second two-layered reinforcement layers in a moulding operation such that the energy absorption element is disposed adjacent the first two-layered reinforcement layer;
 - (f) removing the energy absorption element, the core layer and the first and second reinforcement layers from the moulding tool; and
 - (g) subsequently to step (f), applying a decorative layer on the second two-layered reinforcement layer.